l	TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:	
2	The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill	
3	No. 171 entitled "An act relating to the governance and financing of Vermont's	
4	child care system" respectfully reports that it has considered the same and	
5	recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as	
6	follows:	
7	<u>First</u> : By striking out Sec. 4, appropriation and legislative intent; child care	
8	financial assistance program, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new	
9	Sec. 4 to read as follows:	
10	Sec. 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT; CHILD CARE FINANCIAL	
11	ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	
12	It is the intent of the General Assembly that:	
13	(1) consideration be made in fiscal years 2023 through 2026 to	
14	progressively adjust the upper income limit of the Child Care Financial	
15	Assistance Program fee scale each year; and	
16	(2) the co-payment at the upper limit of the income eligibility scale for a	
17	family participating in the Child Care Financial Assistance Program shall not	
18	exceed 10 percent of a family's annual gross income.	
19	Second: In Sec. 5, Bright Futures Information System; modernization plan,	
20	by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new	
21	subsection (a) to read as follows:	

1	(a) To the extent funds exist in fiscal year 2022, the Department for	
2	Children and Families shall modernize the Bright Futures Information System.	
3	Third: By striking out Sec. 7, appropriation and evaluation; early childhood	
4	workforce programs, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 7 to	
5	read as follows:	
6	Sec. 7. EVALUATION; EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE	
7	PROGRAMS	
8	On or before October 1, 2025, the Department for Children and Families'	
9	Child Development Division, in consultation with stakeholders, shall submit a	
10	report to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development	
11	and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Economic	
12	Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Health and Welfare:	
13	(1) evaluating the effectiveness of the scholarship and student loan	
14	repayment programs established in 33 V.S.A. chapter 35, subchapter 5 at	
15	recruiting and retaining providers in Vermont's child care and early learning	
16	system; and	
17	(2) recommending whether the scholarship and student loan repayment	
18	programs established in 33 V.S.A. chapter 35, subchapter 5 shall be repealed in	
19	accordance with Sec. 8 of this act, retained and funded in their current states,	
20	or retained with amendment.	

1	Fourth: By striking out Sec. 10, recommendations; American Rescue Plan
2	Act; Child Care Development Block Grant, in its entirety and inserting in lieu
3	thereof in a new Sec. 10 to read as follows:
4	Sec. 10. RECOMMENDATIONS; AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN OF 2021;
5	CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
6	On or before January 15, 2022, the Department for Children and Families
7	shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on
8	Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on
9	Health and Welfare summarizing its use of the Child Care Development Block
10	Grant funding received by the State pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act
11	of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2.
12	Fifth: By deleting Sec. 11, recommendations; American Rescue Plan Act of
13	2021; child care stabilization grants, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof
14	the following:
15	Sec. 11. [Deleted.]
16	Sixth: In Sec. 13, child care and early childhood education systems analysis
17	study, by striking out subsection (d) in its entirety.
18	Seventh: By deleting Sec. 15, federal funds; anticipated receipts, in its
19	entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
20	Sec. 15. [Deleted.]

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3	(Committee vote:)	
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5		Senator

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